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Letter dated 21 June 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on Guinea Conakry, issued on 16 June 2006 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 21 June 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement on Guinea Conakry, issued on 16 June 2006 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union wishes to express its concern following the violent clashes between the Guinean law enforcement authorities and demonstrators, which left several people dead and many wounded in Conakry and other areas.

The European Union joins in the appeal by the United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan to all social and political circles in the country to pursue a constructive dialogue in order to meet the challenges facing the country.

The European Union will continue to follow the situation in Guinea very closely and remains willing to lend its support to preparation for the general elections to be held in 2007.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia,* the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, align themselves with this statement.

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* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the stabilization and association process.